

# CONFIDENTIAL RECORD SHEET

## REGISTRATION SERVICE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Date 2-1-88

Social Security Number N/A

Full name William Reese Edwards  
(No initials if you can possibly get full name)

Address [REDACTED]

City Prescott Valley State AZ ZIP 86312

Date of birth 4-16-59 (This is important and should be exact.)

Approximate age        (To be used ONLY when date of birth is not known.)

Religion Methodist Nationality U.S. Citizen

Occupation Paramedic with Prescott Fire Department

Education Bachelor of Police Science - Northern Arizona University

Weight 185 Height 6'0" Race Caucasian

Color of hair Brown/Bald Color of eyes Hazel

Outstanding characteristics or interests       

Married or single Married Children [REDACTED]  
(Number, ages, and names, if possible)

Spouse's name [REDACTED]

### Scouting connections:

Unit No.	City	State	Position	Date registered	Date resigned
S 0330	Prescott Vly	AZ	SM		1-22-88

<sup>ID 001969</sup>  
Special Recognition       

Suspended or denied registration for following reasons: Sexual Child Abuse

SPECIFY THE FACTS THAT LEAD YOU TO RECOMMEND DENIAL OF REGISTRATION, AND LIST ATTACHED SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS (STATE ONLY KNOWN FACTS, NOT RUMOR, CONJECTURE, OR SPECULATION):

CONFIDENTIAL

JUL 0 1 '88

JOSEPH L. ANGLIM

Signed [Signature]  
Scout Executive

Council Grand Canyon #12

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July 6, 1988

Raymond K. Chase  
Scout Executive  
Grand Canyon Council, No. 12

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: William Reese Edwards

Dear Ray:

Thank you for the detailed information sent concerning the above Scouter. This case has been reviewed with our attorney and is now on our permanent Confidential File.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director  
Registration Service

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cc: Western Region

READY TO FILE  
JUL 7 1988  
ERIN O'RILEY

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BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

National Office  
1325 Walnut Hill Lane  
P.O. Box 152079  
Irving, Texas 75015-2079

For your records-

READ  
6-13-88  
P. [signature]

Debra C. Duhs

5402

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Family holds on to hope  
Local, FB

Prescott's historic home  
four/Living, 1C

Mavericks force game 7  
Sports, 6A



# The Prescott Courier

Friday, June 3, 1988

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In our 105th year, serving the Greater Prescott Area and Central Yavapai County

## Scout leader faces up to 76 years

Edwards pleads  
guilty to attempted  
child molestation

By RORY K. AIKENS  
The Prescott Courier  
A Prescott Valley Boy Scout  
leader is facing up to 76 years in  
prison for attempted child  
molestation.

William Reese Edwards, 29, en-  
tered a plea agreement with the Ya-  
vapai County Attorney's Office  
Thursday to five counts of at-  
tempted child molesting and one  
count of indecent exposure.

He was indicted by the Yavapai  
County Grand Jury Jan. 26 on  
eight counts of sexual intercourse  
with minors and two counts of child

molestation.  
The initial charges involve sexual  
acts with four juveniles on various  
occasions between January to  
June 11, 1987.

Edwards, a Prescott fireman,  
has been held in the county jail  
without bond because the county at-  
torney's office alleged he had  
threatened one of the victims.

Edwards allegedly told a co-  
worker that if he got out of jail, he  
would "take out the kid and my-  
self" or that he might "hire some-  
one to make it look like an  
accident."

One of the victims told authorities  
that Edwards had said that "if he  
told, he (Edwards) would physi-  
cally beat him up and spread it ar-  
ound he is a faggot."

The case has caused quite a stir in  
Prescott Valley where Edwards

lives.

Many civic leaders have come  
forward to testify to Edwards' good  
character and how Edwards has  
been heavily involved in various  
civic activities in the community.

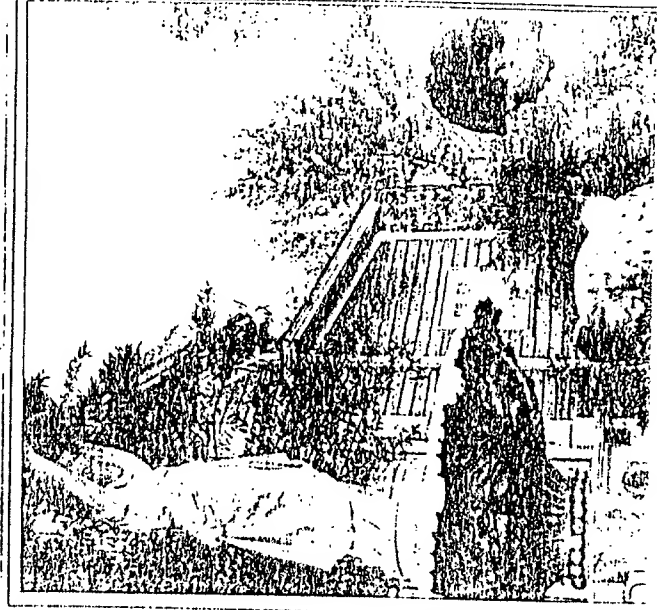
The Edwards' supporters are ex-  
pected to appear on his behalf at a  
mitigation hearing before Yavapai  
County Judge Richard Anderson  
July 7-8.

At the mitigation hearing, the  
judge listens to testimony from de-  
fense and prosecution witnesses.  
Sentencing is set for July 11.

County Attorney Charles  
"Chick" Hasings said the normal  
course for a mitigation hearing is  
for the defense to try and make the  
case look "not as bad as it seems"  
and the prosecution tries to make  
the case "worse than it appears."

## Mecham trial underway

Inside



## Chino man guilty of child molestation

By RORY K. AIKENS

The Prescott Courier

A Chino Valley man is facing up  
to 30 years in prison for molesting  
children.

Ernest Vineyard, age 48, is sche-  
duled for sentencing Monday be-  
fore Yavapai County Judge Sult,  
who could give Vineyard up to 30  
years in prison and/or probation for  
life.

Vineyard pleaded guilty to two  
counts of attempted child molesting  
after being faced with a possible 200  
years in prison for six counts of  
child molestation and rape.

The Yavapai County Attorney's  
office portrayed Vineyard as a  
career criminal who poses a threat  
to society.



# GRAND CANYON COUNCIL, INC

NUMBER TWELVE

*Boy Scouts of America*

2200 E. CEDAR SUITE 12 • FLAGSTAFF, ARIZONA 86004 • PHONE [REDACTED]

February 25, 1988

PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL

Paul Ernst, Director  
Registration Service  
Boy Scouts of America  
1325 Walnut Hill Lane  
P. O. Box 152079  
Irving, TX 75015-2079

SUBJECT: William Reese Edwards

Dear Paul:

Enclosed are three copies of Mr. Edwards signature per your request.

Sincerely,

Raymond K. Chase  
Scout Executive

*Will need  
copies of  
legal opinion  
3/1/88*

# BOY SCOUT APPLICATION

PRINT ONE LETTER IN EACH SPACE—PRESS HARD. YOU ARE MAKING THREE COPIES

SPACE BETWEEN FIRST NAME AND INITIAL

FIRST NAME—FIRST NAME AND INITIAL

LAST NAME

1330  
LOCAL TROOP NUMBER

17786  
RANK—CHECK ONE  
☒ (N) Boy Scout ☐ (S) Star  
☐ (T) Tenderfoot ☐ (L) Life  
☐ (2) Second Class ☐ (E) Eagle  
☐ (1) First Class

ADDRESS—STREET OR R.F.D.

BOYS' LIFE

DATE OF BIRTH

ADDITIONAL ADDRESS INFORMATION (if needed)

GRADE COMPLETED

MONTH DAY YEAR

CHECK

☐ NEW BOY SCOUT

☒ FORMER BOY SCOUT

☐ FORMER WEBELOS SCOUT

CITY

STATE

ZIP CODE

1785 COTTAGE AC 86303 -

FOR SCOUTMASTER'S USE

REGISTRATION FEE

BOYS' LIFE FEE

TERM (MONTHS)

UNIT RENEWAL DATE

MONTH YEAR

SCOUTMASTER'S SIGNATURE

\$ 3.15 \$

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Signature

☐ If applicant has an unexpired membership certificate, registration may be accomplished in this unit by a payment of 50 cents for processing the transfer. Check the box and attach certificate. It will be returned by the council.

FOR COUNCIL USE:

TRANSFER FROM

COUNCIL

NAT'L UNIT NO.

MEMBER ID NO.

NATIONAL OFFICE COPY

# QUALITY UNIT RECOGNITIONS AND ORDER FORM FOR UNITS

## Units Recognitions

- Streamers:  
For packs, troops/teams, or posts/ships—pennant streamer for unit flagpole or room display. No charge—order from council.
- Plaque:  
Recognizes chartered organization, unit leaders, unit committee personnel, and other affiliated unit level personnel; 5" x 7", No. 8770-88, \$4.50 ea. (A plate is provided for unit to add engraving for persons to be recognized.)

## Individual Recognitions

- Emblem:  
Youth members and adult leaders of units qualifying for the national Quality Unit Award are eligible to wear the individual emblem recognition on their uniform. This is worn on the right sleeve 4 inches down from the shoulder seam. Cost is forty cents per emblem; No. 8760-88.
- Quality Pin:  
Available for wear on civilian clothing by youth members, adult leaders, and unit committee personnel; No. 8761-88, 60 cents each.

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## ORDER FORM

Attach this order form to charter application, along with current year's achievements and commitments. (Attach current year's results even if your unit is not requesting an award.) Forward to local council service center. Do not send to the national office.

## REQUEST FOR QUALITY UNIT AWARDS

Our unit has been certified by the council representative as achieving six or more of eight items for our current charter year. This includes all three starred (\*) items plus a minimum of any three of the additional items.

☐ Pack    ☒ Troop/Team    ☐ Post/Ship    Unit Number T-330

Charter Expiration date 01-88    Will Lucas SM  
Signed for unit

District/Exploring Division Old Capital district

Council Headquarters City Flagstaff    State ARIZONA

Catalog No.	Quantity	Item	Cost/Each*	Total Cost
14-654	1	Unit Streamer—1988	No charge	—
8760-88	50	Individual Emblem Recognition—1988	\$ .40	20.00
8761-88	5	Individual Quality Pin—1988	.60	3.00

DATE: 11/11/71  
BY: [illegible]

11/11/71

William A. Parnell

y ✓  
y  
y ✓

William A. Parnell

47 188.00

Jim M. Kitterick

38 250.80

[Signature]

Linda Hendrick

10 50.00

Levi J. Keller

Bob Hendrick

1 6.60

[Signature]

595.40

Yes



February 15, 1988

Mr. Raymond K. Chase  
Scout Executive  
Grand Canyon Council, No. 12

PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: William Reese Edwards

Dear Ray:

Thank you for the material which you recently sent us concerning Mr. Edwards. This is most helpful and will enable us to start a confidential file, which will lead to refusal of future registration attempts.

I believe you did a good job of documenting everything and we have everything we need except for the outcome of any legal action. We would like the final conviction and sentencing as these take place.

If you have a copy of an application with Mr. Edwards' signature, this would aid in the identification process.

Let us know if we may be of help from this office.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director  
Registration Service

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cc: Western Region

READY TO FILE  
FEB 18 1988  
ERIN O'RILEY

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# GRAND CANYON COUNCIL, INC.

NUMBER TWELVE

*Boy Scouts of America*

2200 E. CEDAR SUITE 12 • FLAGSTAFF, ARIZONA 86001 • PHONE [REDACTED]

February 2, 1988

Registration Service  
Boy Scouts of America  
1325 Walnut Hill Lane  
P. O. Box 152079  
Irving, TX 75015-2079

Gentlemen:

Mr. Edwards was arrested by the Prescott Valley Police. A Detective Dennis Baile contacted me with the report.

The enclosed letter (1) was delivered to Mr. Edwards (in jail) by Detective Wiley. Thomas Palmer, Council President, and I were not allowed to visit with Mr. Edwards.

We then visited with Bill Daniels the sponsoring head from the Elks Club to ask him to release Mr. Edwards as Scoutmaster. Letter (2) is his reply.

I also notified David Dumock of the Dependent Child Service of the incident. See letter 3.

Enclosed is a copy of the newspaper account.

Sincerely,



Raymond K. Chase  
Scout Executive

Enclosures:

*If there is anything else, please let me know.*

*Added to CF file  
Deleted from Reg. files  
2-8-88 cm*

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GRAND CANYON COUNCIL, INC

NUMBER TWELVE  
*Boy Scouts of America*

2200 E. CEDAR SUITE 12 • FLAGSTAFF, ARIZONA 86001 • PHONE [REDACTED]

January 21, 1988

William Reese Edwards  
[REDACTED]

Prescott Valley, AZ 86312

Dear William:

After careful review, we have decided that your registration with the Boy Scouts of America should be suspended. We are therefore compelled to request that you sever any relations that you may have with the Boy Scouts of America. A refund of your registration fee is enclosed.

You should understand that BSA membership registration is a privilege and is not automatically granted to everyone who applies. We reserve the right to suspend registration whenever there is a concern that an individual may not meet the high standards of membership which the BSA seeks to provide for American youth.

If you wish to have this decision reviewed by a council review committee, please write to me, explaining your version of the facts supporting your claim that your registration as a BSA member should be reinstated.

Sincerely yours,

Thomas L. Palmer  
Council President



PRESCOTT LODGE NO. 330

*Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks*

"Mother Lodge of Arizona"

Meets 8:00 P.M.  
First and Third Tuesdays

P. O. Box 2018  
PRESCOTT, ARIZONA 86302

Bill Daniels  
Exalted Ruler

Arnold W. Knuth  
Secretary

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

The services of Mr. Bill Edward, Scoutmaster of Boy Scout Troop #330 are terminated as of January 25, 1968.

*Bill Daniels*

Bill Daniels  
Exalted Ruler

# GRAND CANYON COUNCIL, INC.

NUMBER TWELVE

*Boy Scouts of America*

2200 E. CEDAR SUITE 12 • FLAGSTAFF, ARIZONA 86001 • PHONE [REDACTED]

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January 22, 1988

David Dumoch  
[REDACTED]

Prescott, AZ 86301

Dear Mr. Dumoch:

This is a follow up letter confirming our telephone conversation on Thursday, January 21, 1988, informing you of a possible sexual abuse involving William Edwards.

As we understand, you are already aware of this case.

Thank you for your help.

Sincerely,



Raymond K. Chase  
Scout Executive

# The Prescott Courier

Thursday, January 21, 1988

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In our 105th year, serving the Greater Prescott Area and Central Yavapai County

## Prescott fireman arrested for child molestation

### Accused faces 4 counts of child molestation involving 2 juveniles

By B.G. SIMS

The Prescott Courier

PRESCOTT VALLEY — A Prescott Valley man was arraigned Wednesday afternoon in the Mayer Justice Court on four counts of child molestation involving two juveniles under 15 years of age.

William Reese Edwards, 28, a member of the Prescott Fire Department, was arrested by detectives from the Prescott Valley Police Department on charges of sexual conduct with a minor and child molestation.

"This investigation is on-going and at this time appears to involve multiple victims over at least a three-year period," Prescott Valley Police Chief Ed Seder.

Judge Dan Leonard, magistrate of the Mayer Justice District, set Edwards bail at \$137,000, and said, "I am setting a high bond because it is easier to reduce the bond later than to increase it if additional charges are made." Leonard indicated that he thought additional charges against Edwards would be made by the Prescott Valley Police.

In a written statement, the police department said, "Due to the suspect's affiliation with the Boy Scouts, the locations of the incidents have been in several counties in the state."

Prescott Valley Police Detective Dennis Baile said Maricopa, Coconino and Pinal counties have been identified as locations of the alleged sexual abuses. At least two more counties are listed as possible sites.

Edwards has been a fireman with the Prescott Fire Department since February 1984. According to Fire Chief Ron Prince, Edwards has "actually got quite a good employment record; he has always received a good evaluation record."

Prince said Edwards would be placed on indefinite administrative leave pending the outcome of the court proceedings.

According to the report, Edwards had "even more access to his victims, whose ages ranged from 10-14 years, because until late 1987 he and his wife were foster parents for Child Protective Services."

Baile said, "We are expecting more information about additional counts (of sexual abuse) to develop."

"I will meet with the county attorney today, and we will probably add charges for a third victim and additional charges for the first two victims before the grand jury meets," Baile said.

Baile also said he will be talking

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From Page 1

to local Boy Scout leaders later today.

One source, a police officer, who wished to remain anonymous, said the number of victims could be in the two-digit range, with over a hundred counts of child molestation.

Lt. Roger Larm said one victim has been molested repeatedly over a two- or three-year period.

Baile said he could not comment on the number of possible victims or the number of counts of molestation at this point in the investigation.

A preliminary hearing has been set for Jan. 29 to determine if Edwards should be detained for trial in superior court. If a grand jury meets prior to that date and votes to indict Edwards on any or all of the charges brought against him, then the preliminary hearing will be dismissed.